GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ENCROACHMENTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a legislation for curbing encroachments on the National Highways and preventing congestion by empowering Highway Engineers and setting up highway tribunals;

(b) if so, the time by which the said legislation is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to be helpful for smooth running of highways?

Answer

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD. KHANDURI)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made to introduce the bill in the current Session of Parliament.

(c) The proposed legislation provides for powers to the competent authority in the highway department for prevention of unauthorised occupation of highway land and their removal, control of access points to the National Highways, regulation of traffic and control of use of road land for public utility etc.